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April 23, 2014

Letter of Appeal Schools and Libraries Division-Correspondence Unit 30 Lanidex Plaza West PO Box 685 Parsippany, NY 07054-0685

RE: Appeal Docket No. 02-6 Entity #20566, Form 471 application number 927469 for funding year 7/1/2013-6/30/2014 Entity #20566, Form 471 application number 927523 for funding year 7/1/2013-6/30/2014

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this letter as a formal notice of the Appeal of the Funding Commitment Decision Letters for Funding Year 2013 for GREEN TREE SCHOOL relating to Form 471 application numbers 927469 and 927523.

This appeal is for the following items from Form 471 #927469:

- Torch Communications, SPIN #143023176, Funding Request # 2532340
- 2. Torch Communications, SPIN #143023176, Funding Request # 2532358
- Torch Communications, SPIN #143023176, Funding Request # 2532374
- 4. Torch Communications, SPIN #143023176, Funding Request # 2532410
- 5. Torch Communications, SPIN #143023176, Funding Request # 2532420

And the following items from Form 471 #927523

Dell Marketing LP, SPIN#143004340, Funding Request #2532592

We understand that the FCC has recommended not funding any "P2" funding requests for the 2013 Funding Year. Green Tree School, a nonprofit organization, educates and provides therapeutic support programs to over 300 children annually age 5-21 who are diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum or with a Severe Emotional Disturbance. Eighty-five% of Green Tree's students live at or below the federal poverty level.

In 2013 the organization undertook construction of a new 60,000 square foot facility. The move, in conjunction with regulatory requirements, required a significant investment in technology infrastructure. The financial planning for the technology investment included off-setting some of the costs with P2 funding support. Without the P2 reimbursement the financial reserves of the organization have been severely depleted and Green Tree had to take on additional debt to meet the expenses. This

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places the organization at significant risk since we are now forced to consider program closures or curtailments without the \$280,582 of funding that we expected from the E-rate program.

We respectfully request that our request be reconsidered. Please contact me at (215) 866-0200 or <a href="mailto:akegley@gts-s.org">akegley@gts-s.org</a> to discuss this matter at your earliest convenience.

(Sincerely,

Adam W. Kegley V Chief Financial Officer

cc:

Torch Communications, 602 Danbury Court, Newtown, PA 18940 Dell Marketing LP, One Dell Way, RR1-27, Round Rock, TX 78682 FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Washington, DC 20554



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FCC Mail Room Schools and Libraries Division



FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER (Funding Year 2013: 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2014)

March 5, 2014

Colly Burgwin GREEN TREE SCHOOL 146 West Walnut Lane PHILADELPHIA, PA 19144

Re: FCC Form 471 Application Number: 927523 Billed Entity Number (BEN): 20566
Billed Entity FCC Registration Number (FCC RN): 0015624232 Applicant's Form Identifier: None entered

Thank you for your Funding Year 2013 application for Universal Service Support and for any assistance you provided throughout our review. The current status of the funding request(s) in the FCC Form 471 application cited above and featured in the Funding Commitment Report(s) (Report) at the end of this letter is as follows.

- The amount, \$28,124.50 is "Denied."

Please refer to the Report following this letter for specific funding request decisions and explanations. The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is also sending this information to your service provider(s) so preparations can begin for implementing your approved discount(s) after you file FCC Form 486, Receipt of Service Confirmation Form. A guide that provides a definition for each line of the Report is available in the Guide to USAC Letter Reports in the Reference Area of our website.

## NEXT STEPS

- Work with your service provider to determine if you will receive discounted bills or if you will request reimbursement from USAC after paying your bills in full.
- Review technology planning approval requirements.
   Review Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requirements.
- File FCC Form 486. Invoice USAC using the FCC Form 474, Service Provider Invoice (SPI) Form, or FCC Form 472, Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) Form, - as products and services are being delivered and billed.

#### TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

You have the option of filing an appeal with USAC or directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

If you wish to appeal a decision in this letter to USAC, your appeal must be received by USAC or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and email address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.

State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the USAC decision letter (e.g., FCDL) and the decision you are appealing:

Appellant name,

 Applicant name and service provider name, if different from appellant,
 Applicant BEN and Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN),
 FCC Form 471 Application Number 927523 and the Funding Request Number (FRN) or Numbers as assigned by USAC,
- "Funding Commitment Decision Letter for Funding Year 2013," AND

- The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.

- Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation.
- 4. If you are the applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by USAC's decision. If you are the service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant(s) affected by USAC's decision.
- Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

We strongly recommend that you use one of the electronic filing options. To submit your appeal to USAC by email, email your appeal to appeals@sl.universalservice.orgr submit your appeal electronically by using the "Submit a Question" feature on the USAC website. USAC will automatically reply to incoming emails to confirm receipt.

To submit your appeal to USAC by fax, fax your appeal to (973) 599-6542.

To submit your appeal to USAC on paper, send your appeal to:

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## OBLIGATION TO PAY NON-DISCOUNT PORTION

Applicants are required to pay the non-discount portion of the cost of the products and/or services to their service provider(s). Service providers are required to bill applicants for the non-discount portion. The FCC stated that requiring applicants to pay their share ensures efficiency and accountability in the program.

If USAC is being billed via the FCC Form 474, the service provider must bill the applicant at the same time it bills USAC. If USAC is being billed via the FCC Form 472, the applicant pays the service provider in full (the non-discount plus discount portion) and then seeks reimbursement from USAC. If you are using a trade-in as part of your non-discount portion, please refer to Disposal or Trade-in of Equipment posted in the Reference Area of our website for more information.

## NOTICE ON RULES AND FUNDS AVAILABILITY

Applicants' receipt of funding commitments is contingent on their compliance with all statutory, regulatory, and procedural requirements of the Schools and Libraries Program. Applicants who have received funding commitments continue to be subject to audits and other reviews that USAC and/or the FCC may undertake periodically to assure that funds that have been committed are being used in accordance with all such requirements. USAC may be required to reduce or cancel funding commitments that were not issued in accordance with such requirements, whether due to action or inaction, including but not limited to that by USAC, the applicant, or the service provider. USAC, and other appropriate authorities (including but not limited to the FCC), may pursue enforcement actions and other means of recourse to collect improperly disbursed funds. The timing of payment of invoices may also be affected by the availability of funds based on the amount of funds collected from contributing telecommunications companies.

Schools and Libraries Division Universal Service Administrative Company



## FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT Billed Entity Name: GREEN TREE SCHOOL BEN: 20566 Funding Year: 2013

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

FCC Form 471 Application Number: 927523

Funding Request Number: 2532592

Funding Status: Not Funded Category of Service: Internal Connections FCC Form 470 Application Number: 202120001123480

SPIN: 143004340

Service Provider Name: Dell Marketing LP

Contract Number: 646387031

Billing Account Number: 126562410 Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N

Service Start Date: 07/01/2013

Service End Date: N/A

Contract Award Date: 03/13/2013 Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2014

Site Identifier: 20566

Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$31,249.44

Pre-discount Amount: \$31,249.44

Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 90%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Srvc/Discount will NOT be funded
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: DR: Given Program demand, the funding cap
will not provide for Internal Connections and/or Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections at your approved discount level to be funded. Please see http://www.universalservice.org/slfor further details.

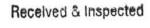
FCDL Date: 03/05/2014 Wave Number: 041

Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2015

Consultant Name:

Consultant Registration Number (CRN):

Consultant Employer:





# APR 30 2014

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Revised Funding Commitment Decision Letter Funding Year 2013: (07/01/2013 - 06/30/2014)

April 17, 2014

Adam W. Kegley GREEN TREE SCHOOL 1196 East Washington Lane PHILADELPHIA, PA 19138

RE: Form 471 Application Number: 927469 Billed Entity Number: 20566

Applicant's Form Identifier: None entered

This letter is your notification that the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has completed its review of your request.

The Report that follows this Revised Funding Commitment Decision Letter (RFCDL) provides you with the dollar value and other details of the funding commitments made for the Form 471 identified above. This Report may have been updated to reflect the new total amount of discount for a funding request. A decision in this Revised Funding Commitment Decision Letter (RFCDL) supersedes a decision in the FCDL you may have received for the Funding Request Number(s) (FRN) in the Funding Commitment Report (Report) that follows this letter. An explanation of the items in the Report is in the "Guide to USAC Letter Reports" posted in the Reference Area of our website.

If FCC Form 486, Receipt of Service Confirmation Form, has not already been submitted, applicants should use THIS updated information when completing the Form 486.

We are also sending this information to the service provider(s) identified in the Report.

## NEXT STEPS

- Work with your service provider(s) to determine if you will receive discounted bills or if you will request reimbursement from USAC after paying your bills in full

  - Review technology planning approval requirements
- Review CIPA requirements
- File and certify Form(s) 486 if not already submitted Invoice USAC using the Form 474 (service provider) or Form 472 (Billed Entity applicant) - as products and services are being delivered and billed

## IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME

Remember the deadlines for delivery and installation of non-recurring service. Non-recurring service for which funds are committed in this letter may be delivered and installed on or before September 30, 2015. Support for recurring services, however, is available only for services provided during the period July 01, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

Review any Contract Expiration Dates in the attached Report. Program rules allow contracts for non-recurring services to be extended in certain circumstances. If your contract will expire before non-recurring products/services are delivered or



installed, you must extend the contract and report the new contract expiration date using an FCC Form 500, Adjustment to Funding Commitment and Modification of Receipt of Service Confirmation Form, before invoicing USAC.

Keep the Form 486 deadline in mind. If some funding was approved on an FRN in your original FCDL, use the date of the original FCDL to determine your Form 486 deadline. If a new FRN was created for this Report or no funding was approved on a FRN in your original FCDL but funding has been approved in this letter, use the date in this RFCDL to determine your Form 486 deadline. Form 486 must be received or postmarked no later than 120 days after the Service Start Date reported in the Form 486, or 120 days after the date of the FCDL that approves funding, whichever is later, to receive discounts retroactively to the Service Start Date.

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- appellant name

- applicant and service provider names, if different than appellant applicant BEN and Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN)
 Form 471 Application Number 927469 as assigned by USAC

 Funding Request Number(s) (FRNs) you are appealing if provided in the letter

Funding Year 2013 Revised FCDL AND

- the exact text or the decision that you are appealing.
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Schools and Libraries Division Universal Service Administrative Company

# FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT Billed Entity Name: GREEN TREE SCHOOL BEN: 20566 Funding Year: 2013

Form 471 Application Number: 927469 Funding Request Number: 2532340 Funding Status: Not Funded

Category of Service: INTERNAL CONNECTIONS MNT Form 470 Application Number: 202120001123480 SPIN: 143023176

Service Provider Name: Torch Communications

Contract Number: 4528-BM Billing Account Number: 4528 Service Start Date: 07/01/2013

Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2014

Site Identifier: 20566

Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12 Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$30,720.00 Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00 Pre-discount Amount: \$30,720.00

Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00

Revised FCDL Date: 04/17/2014 Appeal Wave Number: A12

Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2015

Consultant Name: Consultant Number (CRN): Consultant Employer:

# FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT Billed Entity Name: GREEN TREE SCHOOL BÉN: 20566 Funding Year: 2013

Form 471 Application Number: 927469 Funding Request Number: 2532358

Funding Request Number: 2532556 Funding Status: Not Funded Category of Service: INTERNAL CONNECTIONS Form 470 Application Number: 202120001123480 SPIN: 143023176

Service Provider Name: Torch Communications

Contract Number: 4528-NET
Billing Account Number: 4528
Service Start Date: 07/01/2013
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2014

Site Identifier: 20566
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$104,449.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$104,449.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00

Revised FCDL Date: 04/17/2014

Appeal Wave Number: A12

Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2015

Consultant Name: Consultant Number (CRN): Consultant Employer:



# FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT Billed Entity Name: GREEN TREE SCHOOL

BÊN: 20566 Funding Year: 2013

Form 471 Application Number: 927469 Funding Request Number: 2532374

Funding Status: Not Funded

Category of Service: INTERNAL CONNECTIONS Form 470 Application Number: 202120001123480 SPIN: 143023176

Service Provider Name: Torch Communications

Contract Number: 4528-CBL Billing Account Number: 4528 Service Start Date: 07/01/2013 Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2014

Site Identifier: 20566 Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12 Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$98,267.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$98,267.00

Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00

Revised FCDL Date: 04/17/2014 Appeal Wave Number: A12

Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2015

Consultant Name:

Consultant Number (CRN): Consultant Employer:

# FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT Billed Entity Name: GREEN TREE SCHOOL BÉN: 20566 Funding Year: 2013

Form 471 Application Number: 927469 Funding Request Number: 2532410

Funding Status: Not Funded

Category of Service: INTERNAL CONNECTIONS Form 470 Application Number: 202120001123480 SPIN: 143023176

Service Provider Name: Torch Communications Contract Number: 4528-TS Billing Account Number: 4528 Service Start Date: 07/01/2013 Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2014

Site Identifier: 20566

Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$24,697.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$24,697.00

Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00

Revised FCDL Date: 04/17/2014 Appeal Wave Number: A12

Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2015

Consultant Name:

Consultant Number (CRN): Consultant Employer:



# FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT Billed Entity Name: GREEN TREE SCHOOL

BÉN: 20566 Funding Year: 2013

Form 471 Application Number: 927469

Form 4/1 Application Number: 92/469
Funding Request Number: 2532420
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: INTERNAL CONNECTIONS
Form 470 Application Number: 202120001123480
SPIN: 143023176

Service Provider Name: Torch Communications Contract Number: 4528-SERV Billing Account Number: 4528

Service Start Date: 07/01/2013
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2014
Site Identifier: 20566
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$22,449.00

Pre-discount Amount: \$22,449.00 Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00

Revised FCDL Date: 04/17/2014

Appeal Wave Number: A12
Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2015

Consultant Name: Consultant Number (CRN): Consultant Employer: